

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method of installing hardware and corresponding software comprising the steps of:
5 - initiating the installation process for a hardware element having corresponding software;
 - monitoring the operating system for commands which require user intervention;
 - analyzing the commands received from the operating system; and
10 - responding to the commands received from the operating system without requiring user intervention.
2. The method of claim 1 wherein the hardware comprises a wireless LAN card.
3. The method of claim 1 wherein the steps of analyzing and responding is repeated each
15 time the operating system requires user intervention.
4. The method of claim 1 wherein the step of analyzing and responding is repeated at least three times.
- 20 5. An installation script for use in association with a computer and an associated hardware element or software element, the script comprising:
 - means for monitoring a request for user intervention by an operating system;

- means for analyzing the request to determine a response thereto;
- means for responding to the request without substantially requiring user intervention.

6. The installation script of claim 5 wherein the analyzing means and the responding means
5 are capable of responding to a plurality of different requests.

7. The installation script of claim 5 wherein the hardware comprises a wireless LAN card.

8. The installation script of claim 5 wherein the operating system comprises one of the
10 group consisting of: Windows 95, 98, Me, NT, 2000, XP, MacOS, Linux and PalmOS.

9. The installation script of claim 5 wherein the installation script comprises software stored
on a removable media.

15 10. The installation script of claim 9 wherein the removable media comprises a CD.

11. A method of installing hardware comprising:

- connecting the hardware to a computing device;
- providing a storage media having an installation script;
- 20 - initiating the installation script
- monitoring the operating system for commands which require user intervention;
- analyzing the commands received from the operating system;

- responding to the commands received from the operating system without requiring user intervention; and

- repeating the steps of analyzing and responding until the hardware is installed.

- 5 12. The method of claim 11 wherein the step of repeating occurs at least five times.